

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) will hold a meeting on **Thursday, May 18, 2006**, in the Tenth Floor Conference Room, Wichita City Hall, 455 N. Main, Wichita, Kansas - beginning at **12:00 p.m.**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or items on this agenda please call the Metropolitan Area Planning Department at 316.268.4391.

AGENDA

1. Call meeting to order – Chairperson, WAMPO.
2. Approve Minutes of the April 20, 2006 meeting.
3. Approve the WAMPO Regional Pathways System Plan Advisory Committee member list and nominate a Policy Body representative to the WAMPO Regional Pathways System Plan Advisory Committee.
Presentation by Nancy Harvieux, Transportation Planning Manager.
4. Approve the WAMPO Railroad Crossing Plan Advisory Committee member list and nominate a Policy Body representative to the WAMPO Railroad Crossing Plan Advisory Committee.
Presentation by Nancy Harvieux, Transportation Planning Manager.
5. Update from Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT).
6. Transportation Improvement Program Workshop.
Presentation by Nancy Harvieux, Transportation Planning Manager.
7. Other items.
8. Adjournment.

John L. Schlegel, Director
Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
May 8, 2006

WICHITA AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

April 20, 2006 Meeting

Attendance

Members Present:

Ronald Marnell, Chairperson
Clark Nelson, Vice-Chairperson
Bob Aldrich
Don Anderson
Jay Banasiak
Elizabeth Bishop
Darrell Downing
Morris Dunlap
Michael Gisick
Hoyt Hillman
Thomas Jones
Marjie Norton for Thomas Dow, *Ex Officio Member*
Harold Warner Jr.

Members Absent:

James P. Ford
Bud Hentzen
Bill Johnson
John W. McKay Jr.
M.S. Mitchell
Denise Sherman
James (Jim) A. Singletary

Others Attending:

John Schlegel, MAPD/WAMPO	Aprajit Desai, WAMPO
Nancy Harvieux, WAMPO	Purab Adabala, WAMPO
Bhupendra Patel, WAMPO	

1. Call meeting to order – Chairperson, WAMPO.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Marnell, Chairperson of the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, held in the Planning Department Conference Room, 10th Floor, City Hall, 455 N. Main, Wichita KS.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the March 16, 2006 meeting.

Mr. Marnell asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes, having none, the minutes were approved as presented.

ACTION: Mr. Marnell moved to approve the March 16, 2006 Minutes. Mr. Warner seconded the motion. Motion carried (11-0).

3. Amendment to the 2006 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Presentation by Nancy Harvieux, Transportation Planning Manager.

Mr. Banasiak stated that the Wichita Transit has requested an amendment to the UPWP budget to include a feasibility study for a centralized, multi-county, maintenance, operations and scheduling center. The Wichita Transit's Paratransit Ridership Program has experienced double-digit growth and the operating and maintenance costs for this program has increased dramatically. In order to save on maintenance and other related costs, a study is needed to determine if a regional paratransit van maintenance and scheduling facility is feasible. The funding for the study was included as a product item under task 3.4 Transit and Paratransit

Planning in the 2005 UPWP. Wichita Transit was unable to complete the project last year and requesting that the feasibility study be included in the 2006 UPWP for completion this year.

Ms. Harvieux advised the Policy Body that the Public Comment and Review Period started March 27, 2006 and ended April 14, 2006. The WAMPO did not receive any comments from the public. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) reviewed and recommended to the WAMPO Policy Body approval of the FY 2006 UPWP amendment to include the feasibility study on April 3, 2006.

Public Hearing.

Mr. Marnell opened the Public Hearing; having no comments from the public, he closed the Public Hearing.

ACTION: Mr. Hillman moved to approve the proposed amendment to the 2006 UPWP (Attachment 1). Mr. Aldrich seconded the motion. Motion carried (11-0).

4. Amendment to the 2006 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
Presentation by Nancy Harvieux, Transportation Planning Manager.

Ms. Harvieux informed the Policy Body that an amendment to the 2006 Transportation Improvement Program was needed to revise changes to existing projects and to include one new project under the WAMPO Surface Transportation Program (STP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program (BR) for Fiscal Years 2006 through 2010. The TAC reviewed and recommended to the Policy Body approval of the FY 2006 TIP amendment on February 27, 2006. The Public Comment and Review Period was from March 20, 2006 through April 7, 2006. Again, the WAMPO did not receive any comments from the public.

Public Hearing.

Mr. Marnell opened the Public Hearing; having no comments from the public, he closed the Public Hearing.

ACTION: Mr. Dunlap moved to approve the proposed amendment to the 2006 TIP (Attachment 1). Mr. Warner seconded the motion. Motion carried (11-0).

5. Update from Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT).

Ms. Norton provided an update on the NW Bypass project. She stated that KDOT's current estimates for right-of-way stands at \$40- \$53 million dollars, and that costs were a moving target due to development taking place. The KDOT met with local officials to discuss the right-of-way issue however local entities felt the number was too high and that other options are being considered at this time.

ACTION: None required.

6. Other items.

Ms. Harvieux provided the Policy Body a status report on the following issues:

- 1) The next WAMPO meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2006. It will start at 12:00 pm and lunch will be provided. The WAMPO Staff will hold a TIP workshop for the Policy Body to discuss fiscal constraint and the options available to the MPO dealing with federal funds that come to the region.
- 2) The WAMPO's Planning Apportionment for FY 2006 has been reduced by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The FHWA has implemented a 1% recession of the federal dollars across the board nation wide for federal transportation funds. The planning funds available to the WAMPO are now approximately \$7,500 lower and the Metro Urban STP/CMAQ/BR funds are now approximately \$500,000 lower.
- 3) The Project Selection Criteria Committee has been working on developing an equitable system to rank projects. Once it's completed and approved by the PSC-TIP Subcommittee, it will go before the TAC and WAMPO Policy Body for approval.
- 4) The Staff Screening and Selection Committee has selected a consulting firm for the WAMPO Regional Pathways System Plan. The WAMPO Staff is in contract negotiation with Charlier Associates. The WAMPO Staff will request that the Policy Body nominate a member to represent the MPO on the WAMPO Regional Pathways Advisory Committee at the May 18, 2006 meeting.
- 5) The WAMPO Staff is also in the process of hiring a consulting firm to conduct a Regional Railroad Crossing Plan. The WAMPO Staff will request that the Policy Body nominate a member to represent the MPO on the WAMPO Railroad Crossing Plan Advisory Committee at the May 18, 2006 meeting.

ACTION: None required.

7. Adjournment.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

WICHITA AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

May 8, 2006

TO: Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

FROM: Nancy Harvieux, AICP
Transportation Planning Manager

SUBJECT: WAMPO Regional Pathways System Plan Advisory Committee

The Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) solicited proposals for consulting services for the WAMPO Regional Pathway System Plan (RPSP). The purpose of the plan is to assess the existing bicycle/pedestrian facilities and identify, prioritize, and recommend future connecting links for bicycle/pedestrian use. The RPSP is a cooperative effort involving local units of government within the WAMPO planning region, the Kansas Department of Transportation, and the Federal Highway Administration. The Plan is expected to take a year to complete.

The seventeen (17)-member Staff Screening and Selection Committee (SSSC) comprised of representatives from the Kansas Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Sedgwick County, Wichita Transit, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, and the Cities of Wichita, Haysville, Colwich, Andover, and Mulvane met on April 18, 2006 and selected Charlier Associates. Staff is recommending the attached members be included in the RPSP Advisory Committee. The Committee will include a member from the Policy Body, who will serve as the Chairperson.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. *Approve the WAMPO Regional Pathways System Plan Advisory Committee membership list.*
2. *Nominate a Policy Body representative to the WAMPO Regional Pathways System Plan Advisory Committee.*

Attachments:

1. *Proposed WAMPO Regional Pathways System Plan Advisory Committee Members.*

Proposed WAMPO Regional Pathways System Plan Advisory Committee Members

1. WAMPO Policy Body – one representative * Chairperson
2. MAPD/WAMPO – Planning Director
3. WAMPO – Transportation Planning Manager
4. City of Andover – one representative
5. City of Colwich – one representative
6. City of Derby – one representative
7. City of Haysville – one representative
8. City of Mulvane – one representative
9. City of Wichita – two representatives
(Park and Recreation, Public Works)
10. Sedgwick County – one representative
(Public Works Director)
11. Kansas Department of Transportation – two representatives
12. Federal Highway Administration – one representative

WICHITA AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

May 8, 2006

TO: Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

FROM: Nancy Harvieux, AICP
Transportation Planning Manager

SUBJECT: WAMPO Railroad Crossing Plan Advisory Committee

The Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) solicited proposals for consulting services for the WAMPO Railroad Crossing Plan (RRCP). This Plan will primarily deal with an inventory analysis of all railroad crossings within the WAMPO planning region and will recommend Roadway/Railroad safety improvement alternatives. This Plan will be a cooperative effort involving local units of government and entities within the WAMPO area, the Kansas Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Railroad Administration. The Plan is expected to take a year to complete.

The twenty-two (22)-member Staff Screening and Selection Committee (SSSC) comprised of representatives from the Kansas Department of Transportation, Federal Highway and Railroad Administrations, Sedgwick County, Wichita Transit, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, and the Cities of Wichita, Haysville, Maize, Derby, Valley Center, Andover, and Mulvane met on April 25, 2006 and selected TranSystems. The WAMPO Staff is recommending the attached members be included in the RRCP Advisory Committee. The proposed committee will include a member from the Policy Body, who will serve as the Chairperson.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- 1. Approve the WAMPO Railroad Crossing Plan Advisory Committee membership list.*
- 2. Nominate a Policy Body representative to the WAMPO Railroad Crossing Plan Advisory Committee.*

Attachments:

- 1. Proposed WAMPO Railroad Crossing Plan Advisory Committee Members.*

Proposed WAMPO Railroad Crossing Plan Advisory Committee Members

1. WAMPO Policy Body – one representative * Chairperson
2. MAPD – one representative
(Planning Director)
3. WAMPO – one representative
(Transportation Planning Manager)
4. Wichita Transit – one representative
5. Wichita City Council – one representative
6. City of Andover – one representative
7. City of Derby – one representative
8. City of Haysville – one representative
9. City of Maize – one representative
10. City of Mulvane – one representative
11. City of Valley Center – one representative
12. City of Wichita – one representative
(Public Works)
13. Sedgwick County – one representative
(Public Works Director)
14. Kansas Department of Transportation – two representatives
15. Federal Highway Administration – one representative
16. Federal Railroad Administration – two representatives

WICHITA AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

May 8, 2006

TO: Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

FROM: Nancy Harvieux, AICP
Transportation Planning Manager

SUBJECT: Transportation Improvement Program Workshop

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in a letter dated March 27, 2006 (Attachment 1) to the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) required the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) to have a fiscally constrained Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by September 30, 2006. A constrained TIP is a long-standing legislative requirement that the WAMPO is being asked to adhere to. In absence of a fiscally constrained TIP by September 30, 2006, the FHWA stated that they would withhold approval of federal funds for highway projects in the WAMPO region.

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) at their April 3 & 17, 2006 meeting began the process to develop the WAMPO TIP Policy document and came to a consensus on ways to address the issue. The TAC developed specific recommendations to ensure that the TIP is fiscally constrained.

On May 18, 2006 the WAMPO Staff will hold a TIP workshop for the Policy Body. The workshop will provide the Policy Body with information and an opportunity to discuss fiscal constraint and the options available to the MPO to bring the TIP into fiscal constraint.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None.

Attachments:

1. *Letter from Federal Highway Administration requiring the WAMPO TIP to be fiscally constrained.*
2. *Presentation slides.*



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Highway
Administration**

Kansas Division

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March 27, 2006

FHWA/FTA Approval of the
Amendment to the Kansas State
Transportation Improvement
Program to include the Wichita Area
MPO 2006 TIP Amendment of
March 16, 2006

Mr. Jerome T. Younger, P.E.
Assistant Secretary and State
Transportation Engineer
Kansas Department of Transportation
Topeka, Kansas 66603

Dear Mr. Younger:

As requested by Mr. Thomas C. Dow's letter dated March 22, 2006, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Kansas Division has reviewed the amendment to the Kansas State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the amended Wichita metropolitan area 2006 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). This amendment only includes highway projects. The Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) amended the TIP on March 16, 2006.

We agree that progress has been made by WAMPO in addressing the TIP expectations outlined in our October 21, 2005 letter. However, in reviewing the highway financial summary section of the TIP, FY 2007 and 2008 are not financially constrained as required by 23 CFR 450.324(e).

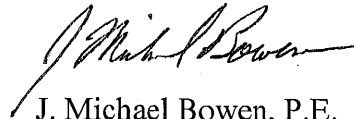
While the FY 2006 amendment to the Kansas STIP is approved, a revised TIP demonstrating financial constraint for FY 2007 and 2008 must be submitted by WAMPO to KDOT and our office by September 30, 2006. If a revised financially constrained TIP is not submitted by that date, approval of federal funding for highway projects programmed in those years will be withheld.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Byron Low, Planning Team Leader, at (785) 271-2448, Extension 205.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Michael Bowen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

J. Michael Bowen, P.E.
Division Administrator

Cc: Thomas Dow, KDOT
Marjie Norton, KDOT
Lee Holmes, KDOT
Susie Lovelady, KDOT
Nancy Harvieux, WAMPO
Joni Roeseler, FTA

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Fiscal Constraint

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An effective TIP development process...

- ◆ Financial plan
- ◆ Ensures practical plans and programs
- ◆ Realistic distribution of funds
- ◆ Identifies funding strategies to overcome shortfalls
- ◆ Project Selection Criteria

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TIP Must at a Minimum...

- ◆ Be a staged, multi-year, intermodal program
- ◆ Show projects by year
- ◆ Contain a **fiscally constrained** financial plan
 - List of projects using federal funds
 - Reflect public involvement
 - New TIP every 2 years



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What is “fiscal constraint”?

The cost of a project
(including operation and maintenance)
must not exceed the level of
reasonably available revenue

**Allowed: no more than 20% over
obligation amount**

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Previous Process

- Applications were submitted
- No Project Selection Criteria used
- Funds moved with projects if years changed
- Atmosphere of ample funds
- State moved funding
- 3 year document of projects
- Out years were included



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Current Process

- Applications submitted
- Draft Project Selection Criteria used
- Funds don't move
- State unable to carrying over funding
- More projects than funding
- 4 year document - July 2007
- Out years included



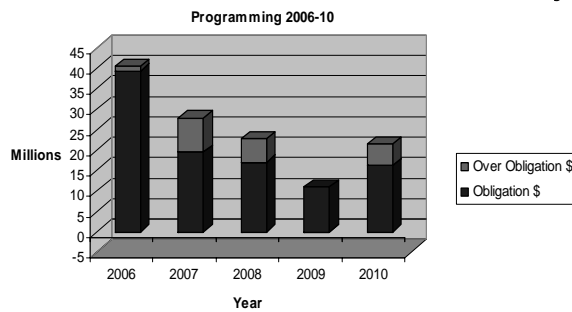
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Current Financial Summary

Fiscal Year	Balance	Within 20% of Obligation
2006	(\$1,068,572)	Yes
2007	(\$8,369,861)	No
2008	(\$5,820,440)	No
2009	\$253,716	Yes
2010	(\$5,194,825)	No

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Current Financial Summary



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Where are we?

- Federal mandate to become constrained now
- Deadline to get into constraint – September 2006
- Need to develop TIP guidelines
- Use of Project Selection Criteria for prioritizing
- Mechanism for project programming
- TAC advised of issue and pursued resolution

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Difficult Decisions

- TAC advised of the Federal mandate for constraint
- Advised Carryover by State will stop
- State representatives made funding presentation
- April 3 TAC Meeting discussion on funding issues
- TAC called a special meeting for April 17, 2006
- Staff provided discussion points



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Discussion Points

Funding limitations for constraint:
Which of these options do you prefer?

- Balance to match obligation
- Over program by a maximum of 20% over the obligation amount: assures expenditure of all federal funds
- Under program: allowing for unexpected cost overruns or unanticipated regional priorities



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Discussion Points

Project scheduling:
Which of these options do you prefer?

- Slide projects to future year
 - All shift down not changing the current order
 - Move all to the last year following current order
 - Drop projects – re-compete if/when funding becomes available in the future (projects with no realistic let date)
- Create an "illustrative list" of approved projects with no years, to use as projects drop and funding becomes available
 - Only existing projects in current TIP
 - No Call for Projects till the list of approved projects is reduced
- Projects would not have to re-compete for funding
- If more than one project is ready to move forward and requests available funding a review and possible Project Criteria would be applied

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Discussion Points

Project funding (Construction / Construction Engineering only):
Which of these options do you prefer?

- 80/20% split
No cap to the total dollars per project: limits funding available as project costs increase, other projects will need to be moved to out years
- Cap total dollars to the initial award amount
- Cap total dollars to the initial award amount plus a %
(e.g. \$10 million plus 10% of \$1 million = \$11,000 total)

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TAC Meeting 4/17/06

- Developed initial guidelines for TIP Policy
 - ◆ Reverse sliding scale for programming
 - ◆ Slide projects to later years / Add out years
 - ◆ No projects dropped at this time
 - ◆ 80/20 Split with no limit on federal share
 - ◆ TAC approves future Call for Projects
 - ◆ Agencies may trade existing projects for new projects

QUESTIONS / COMMENTS

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Future Activities

- Maintain Fiscal Constraint in future TIP's
- Identify strategies to meet future needs
- Present a TIP Policy Document to the Policy Body
 - ◆ Include Project Selection Criteria
 - ◆ Review and revise TIP guidelines



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Policy Body

- Assure the TIP is fiscally constrained
 - Approve or change proposed guidelines
 - No projects dropped at this time
 - 80/20 Split with no cap
 - TAC approves future Call for Projects
 - Agencies may trade existing projects for new projects without competition
 - Decide on the frequency of new TIP development
 - Every year or every two years

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QUESTIONS ?



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